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STRAINS BELONGING TO THE  
GENUS ESCHERICHIA AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
AMINO ACID

**Via facsimile 703 872 9306****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

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